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Federal Legislative Activities - Week of February 24, 2014

The Senate reconvenes Monday and the House on Tuesday after the President's week recess. Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of February 24, 2014 below.

Congressional Hearings

Tuesday, February 25th

10 AM - Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Full Committee Hearing – Examining Mental Health; Treatment Options and Trends

10:30 AM - Senate Budget: Full Committee Hearing – Economic Outlook for Individuals, Families and Communities. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

2 PM - Veterans' Affairs: Joint Hearing – Disabled American Veterans

2:30 PM - Senate Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee Hearing, Oversight Subcommittee – *Natural Resource Adaptation: Protecting Ecosystems and Economies*. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

Wednesday, February 26th

10 AM - House T&I Highways and Transit Subcommittee Roundtable: Surface Transportation Reauthorization. The Subcommittee on Highways and Transit will hold a roundtable policy discussion with representatives of the transportation community in preparation for the development of a surface transportation reauthorization bill. MAP-21 expires in September, and Wednesday's roundtable is part of the Committee's process for developing the next bill. The roundtable will not be webcast.

10 AM - Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Full Committee Markup – Education, Health, Labor Nominations

10 AM - Senate Finance: Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy Subcommittee Hearing – Retirement Savings for Low-Income Workers

10 AM - House Appropriations: Subcommittee Oversight Hearing – Human Trafficking Prevention

10 AM - House Financial Services: Subcommittee Hearing – HUD Lobbying Oversight

10 AM - House Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources- *American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Veterans*. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

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2 PM - House T&I Rail Subcommittee Hearing: Oversight of Passenger and Freight Rail Safety. The Subcommittee will receive testimony from the government entities and stakeholders from industry and labor regarding their efforts to maintain safe railroad transportation. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 AM for morning hour and noon for legislative business. *Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:*

- [H.R. 3370](#) - *Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, to be amended*

Thursday, February 27th

10 AM - Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Full Committee Hearing – Students with Disabilities and College Access

10 AM - House T&I Committee Hearing: Improving the Nation's Highway Freight Network Freight mobility will be an area of focus in the Committee's development of surface transportation reauthorization legislation this year. In addition, a special panel of the Committee, the Panel on 21st Century Freight Transportation, recently completed its [report](#) related to the movement of goods throughout, into, and out of the United States. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

10 AM - House Appropriation: Subcommittee Oversight Hearing – 2015 Appropriations: Labor, HHS and Education

10 AM - House Education and the Workforce: Joint Hearing, Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee, Higher Education and Workforce training Subcommittee and House Education and Workforce Committee – Teacher Training

2:30 PM - Senate Energy & Natural Resources: Subcommittee Hearing – Water and Power Bills [S. 1946](#) – A bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations.

[S. 2019](#) – A bill to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act.

[H.R. 1963](#) – A bill to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-federal hydropower and issuance of leasing of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act and to first offer the lease of power privilege to an irrigation district or water users association operating the applicable transferred conduit, or to the district or association receiving water from such conduit.

Friday, February 28th

On Friday, the House will meet at 9 AM for legislative business. Last votes expected no later than 3 PM.

[H.R. 899](#) - *Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2013 (Subject to a Rule)* The bill expands and modifies the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act by requiring that independent agencies also determine whether their proposed rules will impose unfunded mandates on the private sector or state and local governments, by requiring that reviews by all agencies determine the indirect costs of proposed rules, and by requiring agencies to conduct retrospective analyses of existing rules if requested by congressional leaders.